



Catfish supper was a star Friday night attraction during the national Campers on Mission rally. (Anne McWilliams photo.)

To Kosciusko

Campers on Mission trek here for national rally

By Leisa A. Hammett

KOSCIUSKO, Miss. (BP) — Approximately 200 motorhomes and campers from 14 states, recently ventured down the scenic Natchez Trace Parkway to rally for two common causes—Jesus Christ and camping.

The record number of 400 campers were participants in the 13th national Campers on Mission (COM) rally in Kosciusko, Miss., sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and hosted by the Mississippi COM group.

COM is a loose-knit organization of about 11,000 campers who share the good news of Jesus Christ in their travels. Members learn of volunteer opportunities and mission projects through regional and state chapters and the HMB special mission ministries department. In one such project, Mississippi campers helped build a Choctaw Indian church near Kosciusko.

Other modes of camping ministries, according to Sam Schlegal, HMB experimental ministries missionary, include leading informal worship services at campgrounds and passing out tracts at flea markets and crafts fairs.

Pete Petty, Arkansas Baptist state convention director of special mission ministries and interfaith witness, told the Kosciusko campers they were a major part of Bold Mission Thrust.

Vocational missionaries, said Petty, will not win the world to Jesus Christ by year 2000 without the volunteer help of Christians like Campers on Mission.

"Being a missionary has nothing to do with location, but your willingness to serve Jesus Christ," he said, promising when campers volunteered their time to Christian projects, they would discover abilities they did not know they possessed.

Petty said he discovered donning clown garb and performing magic tricks served as a successful attention getter at state parks and other camping areas.

More campers will show up to see a clown act or some sort of entertainment than to hear someone preach, said Petty. Clowning will attract attention and provide an opportunity to witness, Petty added.

Leisa Hammett writes for the Home Mission Board.

The Baptist Record

HMB elects Carl Savell; AAEO on target for goal

By Michael Tutterow

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists' gifts to home missions were reported 38 percent above receipts for June of 1984, according to Southern Baptist Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner.

Tanner told HMB directors at their June meeting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions totaled more than \$15 million as of June 1, more than half of the 1985 \$30 million goal.

May receipts totaled more than \$12 million, said Tanner, who added the goal would be within reach if June receipts remain high.

In other actions, directors elected John Patrick Cravins of Atlanta, director of design services, Leonard Carl Savell of Jackson, Miss., director of interfaith witness, and William David Terry of Dallas, associate to the director of the board's language mission division.

Cravins, who has worked as the board's senior graphic designer since November of 1984, succeeds Karen Mitchell, who resigned earlier this year. As director of design services, he will manage the design and printing of the board's printed materials. He is a Georgian.

Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and a member of the Atlanta-based mission agency's board of directors, was elected director of the interfaith witness department, effective July 1.

Savell succeeds Glenn Igleheart, who became director of missions for the Baptist Convention of New York last fall.

Savell will lead in developing interfaith witness strategies, services and

materials for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions and agencies. He also will help develop contacts and bolster relation-

ships with national leaders of other religious persuasions.

A native of Mississippi, Savell has (Continued on page 4)

Youth Night theme: "Part of the Family"

Brian Harbour, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Fla., will be featured speaker at this year's



Mississippi Baptist Youth Night, Aug. 2.

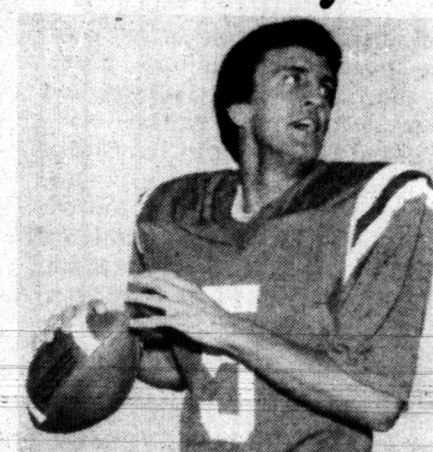
The program will take place 7-9 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. It is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board.

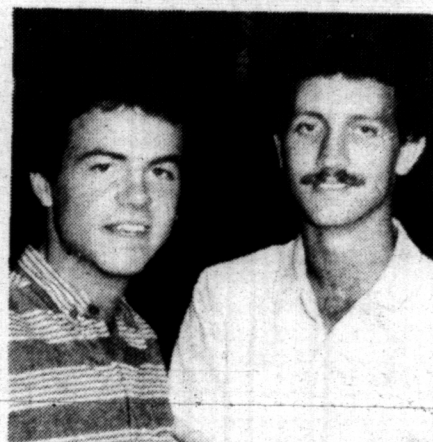
Joining Harbour on the program will be Kent Austin, quarterback for the University of Mississippi, and the musical duo, Bentley and Chasteen, of Nashville. Austin will offer his Christian testimony. Harbour is a former pastor of Colonial Heights Church in Jackson.

Another feature of the 1985 Youth Night program will be a band, a handbells group, and a choir composed of youths from across the state. The band and the handbells group will be drawn from participants at youth music conferences at Gulfshore. The choir will be made up primarily from those attending youth music con-

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Kent Austin



Bentley and Chasteen

First state US-2er to work in deaf ministry

By Tim Nicholas

Becky DeWett plans to spend the next couple of years "breaking into silence" she says, beginning work this fall as Mississippi Baptists' first US-2 missionary to the deaf.

US-2 is a two-year missionary program for recent college graduates who usually serve in innovative ministries around the country. They are appointed by the Home Mission Board.

Miss DeWett, a 1984 graduate of Mississippi College in deaf education, is already on the job, working for now as a summer missionary, attached to the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Richard Alford is her supervisor.

This summer she is doing research on the status of the deaf in Mississippi, contacting churches, "letting them know we are here and available," she says.

This fall and for the next two years, Miss DeWett will be consulting with churches in getting deaf work started, helping existing programs on request, and working in Bible studies and fellowship with the deaf.

The current estimate is that 18 Mississippi Baptist churches have some sort of ministry to the deaf, ranging from full services to just an interpreter. Also, a number of church and associational groups offer sign



Becky DeWett

language courses.

Miss DeWett, a deaf education major in college, was taught oral communication and worked last year as an itinerant teacher for the hearing impaired in Jackson County schools. Her co-teacher, a deaf person named Brenda Rotuse, taught her signing; and Miss DeWett has become an enthusiastic advocate of what is generally known as "total communication." This is "using every possible (tool) to have the deaf understand," says Miss DeWett, ranging from use of touch, sight, pen and paper, signing, to a newly developed verbal-tonal machine which helps a deaf person understand such as inflections from those speaking to them.

These tools are "combined to make the best of all worlds," she says.

Back in high school, Miss DeWett first became interested in work with the deaf when a teacher brought in a teacher from the Magnolia Speech School in Jackson. She felt called into missions during a summer as a counselor at Camp Garaywa, but also knew she wanted to work in deaf education. Missionary to Brazil Bill Smith told her later that there was a need for oral deaf ministers in Brazil. "This made me realize that God already has it worked out," she says. She doesn't have any plans to go to Brazil, but she feels she can now trust God to "open doors."

At Gulfshore

"Yet Will I Serve Him"— theme for senior adults

"Yet Will I serve Him" will be the theme of the senior adult conference to be held at Gulfshore Assembly August 20-24.

James Fancher, pastor, First Church, Coffeeville, will be the Bible teacher for the week. Fancher, a graduate of Mississippi College and Golden Gate Seminary, has served other pastorates in the state and was in full-time evangelism for ten years. In 1980, he delivered the Lide-Walker Lectures at the Philippine Baptist Seminary, Baguio.

Gordon Sansing, Meridian, retired, will be guest preacher for the conference. A native of Neshoba County, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was formerly director of evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. His pastorates include First, Grenada; Broadmoor, Jackson; and other churches in the state.

Bill and Martha Bacon, minister of music and wife, First Church, Clinton, will lead the music. Art Nelson, retired business manager, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, will be the organist.

Other program personalities will be Glenn Shows, minister of education/activities, Woodlawn, Vicksburg, fellowship leader; Jerry Adkins, surgeon, Biloxi; J. Clark Hensley, con-

sultant, family ministry, Church Training Department, Jackson; and Carl and Blanche Combs, special workers in senior adult work, St. Louis, Mo., conference leaders; Ethel McKeithen, retired consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Jackson; Cortez Hutchinson, minister of education, First, Yazoo City, associate program leaders.

Program director for the conference is Mose D. Dangerfield, consultant, senior adult ministries, and director, Mississippi Church Training Department.

Conference topics will include Serving through Ministry, Serving with My Time, Serving by Learning to Play Again, Serving by Loving Others, How Our Bible Came to Us, Prayer as Ministry, and Leadership.

Jerry Adkins, a surgeon from Biloxi, will speak Thursday afternoon at 1:30 about how to have good health.

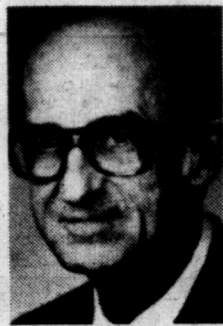
The Home Mission Board film, "A Gift of Life," will be shown at 1:30 on Wednesday. This deals with Mission Service Corps opportunities.

Registration for the conference will begin at 1:30 p.m. on August 20. Saturday morning breakfast will end the week's activities.

For reservations, contact Frank Simmons, manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571 (phone 452-7261).



Fancher



Sansing

Youths want the Book in the book

By Tim Nicholas

Reading from the Book just might get a group of young people from Colonial Heights Church in Jackson into the other book.

The Book is the Bible and the other book is the Guinness Book of World Records. From June 9 to 16, about 120 youths from the church, working with 30 adult captains, read the Bible through two-and-a-half times in 160 hours.

Minister of youth John Howard said he believes the previous record was 96 hours. Preliminary contact with Guinness staffers in England resulted in a promise that if the church's record was substantial enough, the record keepers would enter it in a future volume.

The youths took time about reading an hour each from a room in the church's family life center. Howard said that since the reading was during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention and there was contention at the convention, the reading "emphasized that we as Baptists are people of the 'Book'."

Dorsey Carson, 13, one of the volunteer readers, said he had to go through a lot of "begats" in Exodus but that he "didn't get tired like I thought I would." This was not Dorsey's first time at Bible reading. Each morning he has a quiet time set aside for Bible reading—as do a lot of other youths in the church.

Said Howard, "Going for the record had an appeal to them . . . but by the time it was over . . . they learned more about what it means to depend on each other and carry their own load. No one individual could have done it."

Budget reaches 48% at midpoint

Cooperative Program giving by Mississippi Baptist for the first half of 1985 totaled \$8,378,395, or 48 percent of the 1985 budget goal of \$17,500,000, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The monies, channeled by the nearly 2,000 cooperating Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi through the convention board, goes to in-state and out-of-state missions and education causes.

Income for June was \$1,075,508, a drop of \$146,152 from income of June a year ago. Each of the first six months of 1985 totaled more than a million dollars in gifts.

The 1985 budget of \$17.5 million is a jump of 10.8 percent over the 1984 budget of \$15,800,852.

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been pastor of churches in that state since 1958. He has been pastor of the Jackson church since 1967.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

New funding for church loans.

In other actions, directors approved the next step in the board's church loans division's plans to create new funding for church loans.

The SBC Executive Committee gave approval earlier this year for the board to take a proposal for church loans funding to the Securities and Exchange Commission of the federal government.

Robert Kilgore, director of HMB church loans, explained the plan would call for the board to isolate at least \$6 million of loans it "owns," or loans the board has issued to churches. The proposal would allow the board to use the loans as collateral for investment securities. The payment on the securities would parallel the repayment of the loans, while providing the board with funds to issue new loans.

Kilgore explained increased costs and restrictions make it impractical for the board to borrow money in the commercial market for loans, as was done in the past. Without the new plan, he said, church loan efforts would be severely limited.

Under the new plan, \$5 million of church loans funds initially would be generated, said Kilgore. The plan would continue to generate similar amounts, giving the board an on-going means of financing church loans at in-

terest rates probably lower than those of current commercial markets, he said.

HMB Missions Vice-President Gerald Palmer added without the new means of generating church loan monies, few new SBC churches could have the financial resources to begin from scratch. In turn, he explained, the denomination would be hard-pressed to meet its goal of 50,000 SBC churches by the year 2000.

The proposal will be presented to the Securities and Exchange Commission for government approval, said Kilgore. If the federal commission grants permission for the board to pursue the plan, HMB directors still must vote once more whether to carry out the church loans proposal.

The executive committee also appointed five missionaries, two missionary associates, four church planter apprentices and approved 31 persons for church pastoral or field personnel assistance.

Tutterow writes for HMB.

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Mrs. Robert E. (Opha) Bingham of Atlanta, Ga. knows the meaning of those words from experience. A longtime victim of multiple sclerosis, Opha Bingham attempts to cope with her illness in a positive spirit. In her book, *One Step More, Lord* (published by Broadman Press), Opha describes such everyday routines as housework, including the laundry in the basement of their home. The book includes a vivid photo of Opha, slowly climbing the basement stairs, a basket of clothes on the steps. The picture needs no description. It tells its own story. Opha laboriously takes one step at a time, up the long stairway, moving the basket step by step.

Whether in illness or health, poverty or wealth, anyone's life can be lived only one way—and that's a step at a time. There are no exceptions. An old Chinese proverb says, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

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1985 SBC resolutions

The resolutions passed by the Southern Baptist Convention June 11 to 13 in Dallas are presented here. In addition, Resolution No. 1 was amended from the floor to express appreciation "to heads of SBC agencies for devotion to Christ, loyalty to the denomination in difficult times of our beloved convention."

Except for that amendment, which was never added in transcripts of the resolutions but will be in the permanent records of them, the resolutions adopted by the convention follow.

Resolution No. 1 — On Appreciation

The Southern Baptist Convention in its 128th session meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13, 1985, expresses deep appreciation to the citizens of Dallas or the hospitality extended to the messengers of the Convention.

We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the local committees for the many courtesies, services, and accommodations that have made our stay a pleasant one.

We extend a special word of thanks to the press, and radio and television stations for their informative and adequate coverage of the session and other pertinent activities of the Convention.

We commend the officers of the Convention, President Charles F. Stanley, and Vice-Presidents Zig Ziglar and Donald V. Wideman for their fair, knowledgeable, and patient presiding.

We also express our appreciation to Dr. Stanley for his loving and Christlike spirit, as he served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention this past year, high-lighted by the president's address to the Convention.

We commend the Committee on Order of Business for arranging and conducting an informative and challenging program.

We express our profound gratitude to all of these who have contributed so much to the enjoyment of our visit and the success of this our 128th annual session.

Resolution No. 2 — On Affirming the Priorities of Evangelism and Missions

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, affirm our commitment as a Convention to the priorities of evangelism, missions, and education; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists as individuals be encouraged to make evangelism, missions, and education; priorities within their sphere or influence to the end that the Great Commission might be carried out throughout our world.

Resolution No. 3 —

On Prayer for Spiritual Awakening

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we as Southern Baptists meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, call churches and individuals to pray for a spiritual awakening.

Resolution No. 4 —

On Affirming the Cooperative Program on its 60th anniversary

Therefore be it RESOLVED, That the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention assembled in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13, 1985, give praise to God on this 60th anniversary of the Cooperative Program; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That all Southern Baptists be requested to pray for the continued leadership of our Lord in the administration of the Cooperative Program; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we urge our churches to educate thoroughly our members regarding the value of the Cooperative Program by conducting a study of *Cooperation: The Baptist Way to a Lost World* by Susan and Cecil A. Ray; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the directors of the boards and agencies be encouraged to give high budget priority to the evangelistic and missionary tasks for which they are responsible; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That this Convention respectfully urge each Southern Baptist congregation to increase their gifts through the Cooperative Program so that together we might carry out the Great Commission; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That each state convention consider a goal of at least a 50-50 distribution of Cooperative Program funds of state convention and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Resolution No. 5 —

On Equal Access

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, urge Southern Baptists to work diligently for the education of our people for the purpose of understanding and implementing the provisions of the Equal Access Act in their local communities.

Resolution No. 6 —

On Refugee Resettlement

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, encourage our people to increase their involvement in resettlement of legal refugees through the enlistment of sponsors and the provision of church-centered ministries.

Resolution No. 7 —

On Opposition to a National Lottery

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, express strong objection to the various legislative proposals for the establishment of a national lottery; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we call on Southern Baptists to work for the defeat of any proposed national lottery legislation; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be asked to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and the Congress of the United States; and, to continue to oppose vigorously any efforts to establish a national lottery.

Resolution No. 8 —

On Government Treatment of Churches as Political Campaign Committees

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, register our alarm over any law that would require filing with the government when churches address moral and ethical issues in the public forum; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we

urge Southern Baptists to protest government rulings and oppose passage of laws which attempt to restrict Christian influence on public policy; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That we urge churches to oppose any law that would classify churches as political campaign committees if they address such issues.

Resolution No. 9 —

On Deductibility of Charitable Contributions

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, go on record as opposing any tax reform plan that would have a chilling effect on charitable giving; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to continue the current policies permitting deduction of qualifying charitable contributions both for

taxpayers who itemize and for those who otherwise do not itemize deductions, so that the voluntary sector may realize its fullest potential in the life of the nation.

Resolution No. 10 —

On Pornography

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, affirm our opposition to all forms of pornography and specially child pornography encourage all Southern Baptist churches to influence public policy to eliminate the availability of all forms of pornography; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the Christian Life Commission to continue to develop and disseminate helpful materials opposing pornography; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That we urge the Christian Life Commission

and local churches to foster the initiation and passage of legislation to eliminate this parasite on our society.

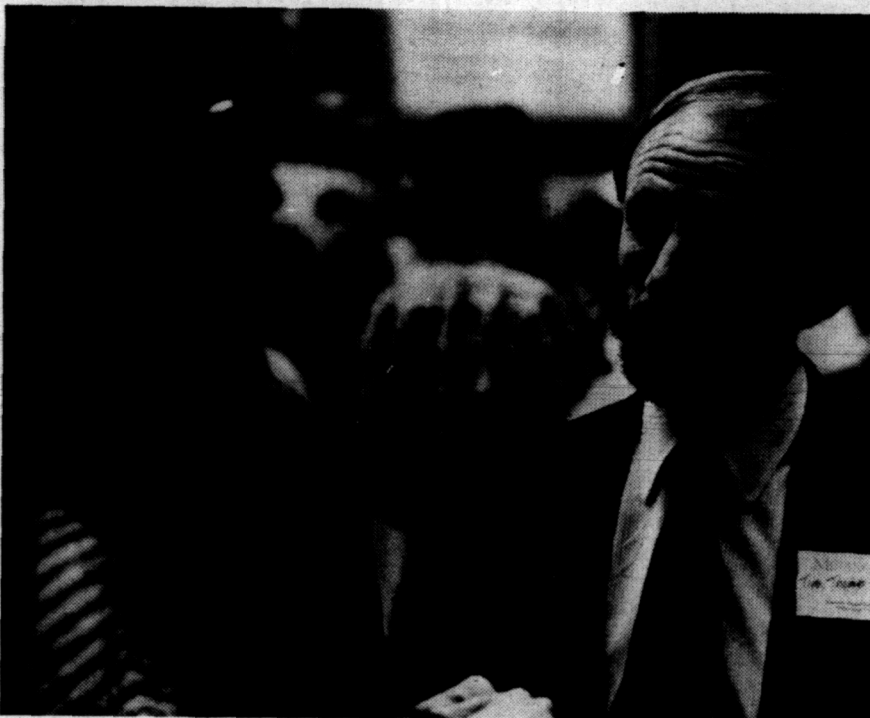
Resolution No. 11 —

On Homosexuality

Be it therefore RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, 1985, deplore the proliferation of all homosexual practices, and reaffirm the biblical position of Southern Baptists that all such practices are sin and are condemned by the Bible; and

Be it further RESOLVED, That we oppose the identification of homosexuality as a minority with attendant benefits or advantages; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, That we affirm that while the Bible condemns such practice as sin, it also teaches forgiveness and transformation, upon repentance, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Academic interview

Stephanie Anne Freeman, a student at Ole Miss, interviews Tim Thomas, Baptist Student Union director at Gulf Coast Junior College between SBC sessions. Miss Freeman was in an advanced reporting class that covered the convention in Dallas for Mississippi newspapers.

Preacher enlistment head goes back to Mid-America

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A former Southern Baptist missionary who came to the Foreign Mission Board last year to organize efforts to find preacher missionaries has resigned, effective July 9.

John David Floyd, director of the board's missionary enlistment department, has been named vice-president for development and public relations at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. He left a vice-presidency at Mid-America in April 1984 to come to the board.

Floyd worked in the Philippines from 1965 to 1976 as a church starter and later as director of church growth. His work at the Foreign Mission Board came in response to expanded efforts to identify more preachers willing to be evangelists and church starters overseas.

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Campers flood Kosciusko

"It's yours in Kosciusko," the program cover offered Campers on Mission for their June 17-23 get-together. Their first national rally in Mississippi took place at the fairgrounds in Kosciusko.

W. D. and I drove up the Natchez Trace on Friday afternoon to the "Beehive of the Hills" — to Kosciusko, the city named for a Polish statesman and to Attala, the county named for an Indian princess.

We had missed all the entertainment and inspiration that went on during the early part of the week, such as a visit to Philadelphia and the Bogue Chitto Indian Church (which Campers on Mission built), a program presented by Choctaws, a tour of old homes, and a fishing rodeo for the young folks.

At the Sunflower, we bought milk and asked directions. "Take a right at the light. And a right at the next light. On Highway 12." I've never seen so many campers parked side by side — not even on a sales lot. 186 of them, from 15 states. (No — I didn't count them; I took someone's word.) This was one of the biggest — if not THE biggest national COM rally ever. It was sponsored by the Home Mission Board and hosted by Mississippi Campers on Mission. People up there in Attala County pulled out all the stops, to show what real Mississippi hospitality is.

"Anybody seen Richard Alford?" I kept asking. He's the state Campers on Mission consultant, and he was to show me where we could park. A young fellow pointed out a low concrete building and said, "He's in there." I looked inside. It was full of men, exercising. One was lying head down on a board slanted at a 75-degree angle, and doing sit-ups. "That's Richard," they told me. I didn't know Richard could do sit-ups like that! But it turned out to be the wrong Richard.

The right Richard was in a shady grove behind the fairgrounds, where his and Pat's pop-up camper was parked beside a tent and a few other vehicles. Because our van had no air-conditioner, we would be permitted to camp under the trees, where the cool breeze furnished just the right amount of ventilation. And we would have birds for neighbors. Also some nice folks from Arkansas — Pete Petty and his wife, R.V. and Viola Boone, and Arvil and Blanche Bennight. They began right away singing the glories of the Ozarks, where next year's rally will be on June 20-22. Pete is COM consultant for Arkansas. The Boones won an award for being the campers present with highest total age, 160 (he is 82 and she is 78).

Our Virginia neighbors on the other side were the Kemps, (he's 80), and they were named the 1985 Model Campers. But quite a few young folks were there, too, including children and teen-agers. The couple with youngest combined age totaled 65. The rig that came the farthest was from El Paso, Tex., and the biggest rig came from

Portland, Michigan. (The smallest was probably our van!).

The Home Mission Board evidently had decided to let Mississippi's national rally be a model, for their cameramen were everywhere I looked, shooting a videotape for use all over the USA, to show who Campers on Mission are and to reveal their chief purpose, to share the good news of Jesus Christ as they travel. Richard said that the producer of this tape, Wolfgang Schumacher, now with HMB, held former jobs with the Radio-TV Commission and with the television show, "Dallas." Frank Olsen, an ACTS writer, is doing the tape script. (If you see a yellow Dodge van easing up into that tape, that's us.)

Catfish supper Friday night was good, as promised, catered by T.J.'s Restaurant. (Still it couldn't compete with the white perch W.D. cooks.) We picked up tickets from Mae Price, secretary and wife of the president, Mississippi COM, and greeted Evan and Beverly Allen, whom we had met earlier this year in Columbus. Evan, state V-P for COM, had invited us to this meeting.

Name tags featured a magnolia. To my right sat a couple from Illinois and across from them a couple from Missouri. Across the table from us were Marie and Herbert Hughes of Natchez, members of Cliff Temple Church. (It was fun getting to know them and later stopping by their camper for a nightcap of ginger ale and white grape juice.) Behind us sat Texans and Floridians, wearing vests that advertised their states. Louisiana had the most present, not counting Mississippi, according to Sam Schlegel of North Carolina, the national COM consultant.

A banner across the stage in the coliseum, "Fishers of Men," formed a backdrop for mobiles of fish. (A fish centers the Campers on Mission logo.)

I wish I had the time and space to list all the speakers and committees and workshop leaders. Freddie George, mayor of Kosciusko, welcomed the crowd on Friday evening. Levon Moore, director of missions, Attala County, talked about the importance of Campers on Mission — or any Christians — witnessing wherever they go. He recalled an incident when a woman and her ten-year-old son had been to a revival meeting. On the way home that night, the son said, "Mommy, I'm not saved." She stopped the car beside the road, where they were, and explained to him how he might be saved. They got out and knelt by the side of the road, and the son made the decision to trust Christ as Savior. The mother said later, "I didn't dare drive another mile." It was that urgent.

Saturday morning workshops I chose were Jan Cossitt's "campground recreation" and Richard Alford's "witnessing one to one." Both were tremendous. In Jan's conference, Bruce and Julie Alford acted out "The Giving Tree." Lonnie Knight brought the devotional message Saturday night, and Mary Love sang. John



Bruce and Julie Alford act out "The Giving Tree" in Jan Cossitt's workshop on campground recreation. Julie is the tree and Bruce is the boy.

McBride, director, Mississippi Cooperative Missions department, preached an unforgettable Sunday morning message.

Bacon frying outdoors . . . a tour of Central Hills escorted by Richard Watson, staffer and recent Blue Mountain graduate . . . but that Pruitt Calvert, the humorist from Louisville who entertained on Friday night! I've never seen W. D. laugh so much in the 30 years we've been married. Calvert dressed up like an old woman, sat in a rocking chair, and talked on an old-fashioned telephone in an unmistakable (backwoods?) Mississippi accent. I'm not sure he didn't actually turn into an old woman, so convincing was he, snuff box — and all.

As R. V. Boone said, "He's like a busted drum. He can't be beat." One story he (she!) told was about a preacher going down to the field where Josh was plowing. When the preacher got there, Josh was leaning up against the plow handles, letting his mule rest.

"Why don't you take your hoe and cut those sprouts while your mule's resting?" the preacher asked.

"Well, why don't you take a bucket o' potatoes to the pulpit and peel 'em while the singer's leadin' the music?"

Most of his other jokes I wouldn't tell — I wouldn't want to steal his routine! But I can share one illustration in his speech (before he turned into an old woman.) He told about how as a little boy he stood in the gap, obedient to his father's instructions, to turn the mules when they headed that way. His dad told him, "Don't run. Don't be afraid. They won't run over you."

"The world today is bad," he said, "but Campers on Mission can be like the little boy standing in the gap. If you will obey and stand, and don't get frightened of the evil forces and run, you can turn the tide."

"Good people like Campers on Mission are woven like steel wires into our nation. I'm glad to know they are there."

And so am I.

Pray for MKs

July 17—R. Elizabeth Moseley, Brazil, Mississippi College.

July 31—J. Philip Merrit, Germany, Jones County Community College.



Lonnie Knight, chaplain from Long Beach, speaks to Campers on Mission during their national rally at Kosciusko. Others at the speakers' table are Jesse McMillan of Kosciusko; Mrs. Levon Moore; Levon Moore, director of missions, Attala Association; and Fred Price, Route 10, Columbus, president, Mississippi Campers on Mission.



A Home Mission Board camera team takes pictures of John McBride, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, for a videotape made during the national Campers on Missions rally. Interviewing McBride are Frank Olsen, Radio-Television Commission, script writer for the videotape, and Wolfgang Schumacher, Home Mission Board, producer.



Mrs. Bert Leavell of Leland works on a display for the national Campers on Mission rally held at Kosciusko.

Mississippians elected to SBC boards, agencies

A number of Mississippians were elected to various committees and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention during its business meeting in Dallas recently.

Elected to the Committee on Boards which next year will offer nominations for all openings on SBC boards and commissions, were Robert E. Mack, pastor of County Line Church, Copiah County, and Reuel May Jr., a lay member of First Church, Jackson.

Agencies and new members elected from Mississippi are: Executive Committee, James Yates, First Church, Yazoo City; Sunday School Board,

Gene Henderson, First Church, Greenville; and Southern Seminary, Bill Causey, Parkway Church, Jackson.

Another group of Mississippians was reelected to additional terms on boards and agencies. They are: Home Mission Board, William W. Durr, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Sunday School Board, Jerry S. Lee, First Church, Jackson; American Seminary Commission, Roy D. Raddin, First Church, Greenville; and Owen Cooper of First Church, Yazoo City, was reelected to the Baptist World Alliance and the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Sunday School will hold Gulfshore training

Gene Henderson and Peter McLeod will share preaching responsibilities during Sunday School Conferences at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian this summer. Henderson, pastor of First Church, Greenville, will be guest preacher for the two ses-



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sions July 29-31 and Aug. 1-3. McLeod will be guest preacher for the two sessions Aug. 5-7 and Aug. 8-10.

Each of the four sessions is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Con-

vention Board's Sunday School Department and is designed to provide leadership training for church Sunday School volunteers in a retreat setting. Activities are planned for each member of the family. And training sessions are provided for leaders in each age group category.

Working with Henderson in the first two sessions will be Lewis Oswalt, serving as music director. Oswalt is a student at New Orleans Seminary and is minister of music at Union Church, Picayune. Leon Bedsole, minister of music at First Church, Biloxi, will serve with McLeod the second two sessions as music director.

Susan Banes of Canton will be pianist for all four sessions.

Special interest programs include work with ethnics and special ministries, July 29-31 and church media/library, Aug. 5-7. Youth Bible studies will take place all four sessions.

New lesson writers begin this month

New writers of Sunday School lesson commentaries for the Baptist Record began their contributions with the July 7 lessons, printed in the June 27 issue.



Harris

J. Gerald Harris, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, is writing the Bible Book series. David W. Spencer, pastor of First Church, Long

Carey College and Southwestern Seminary. In 1979 he received the doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Spencer moved to the First Church, Long Beach, pastorate in 1980 from First Church, Sulligent, Ala. Other pastorates were at Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, Miss., and Fishing Creek Church, Aventura, N.C.

He has served as a Baptist Foundation trustee. In 1982, he took part in a short-term mission project in Mon-

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Spencer

Kay

Beach, is doing the Life and Work commentaries. Anthony S. Kay, pastor of First Church, Calhoun City, is commenting on the Uniform lessons.

Gerald Harris moved to Colonial Heights from the pastorate of First Church, Camden, S.C., in 1980. A native of Hickory, North Carolina, he was graduated from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He received the doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.

His pastoral experience has included churches in North Carolina and South Carolina. In South Carolina, he was a member of the President's Advisory Board of the Baptist College of Charleston and a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist Courier, the S.C. state Baptist paper.

David Spencer was born at Sardis, Miss. He was graduated from William

Grief for convention

Editor:

I write to you in deep grief over the situation that has developed in our beloved Southern Baptist Convention. As I sit here at my desk I have before me volumes of political calls to go to Dallas and "vote out the president." It makes me sick! A great portion of my transportation, my lodging, my food expense, could be paid if I would go to Dallas and "vote out the president." This should cause every pastor who has ever been forced out of a church to cringe with pain.

Never before in my life have I ever been approached by anyone to vote in such a certain way. Never at any convention have I ever been approached to vote in such a certain way. Now many of those who were crying foul are the very ones asking me to vote a certain way. Isn't the kettle now calling the pot black?

I find myself as a pastor log-jammed between two extremes. Persons like Patterson and Pressler would not have had the kind of effect they have had on this convention had not the Baptist Press, (and yes, even the Baptist Record) cried wolf over and over and over. Few television programs have been hyped as much. And yes, some of our seminary presidents simply added fuel to a fire that may have soon gone out.

No one has ever moved our own state convention any more as Keith Parks, the president of the Foreign Mission Board, did when several years ago, he preached a challenging message on missions. Now, however, I fear that he has allowed the chief reason for our convention's existence to be drawn into this controversy.

I have before me a letter that was sent out by one of our pastors of a leading church in Mississippi. It is a letter that I believe is simply motivated by his own political persua-

sions. I do not believe these kinds of letters are going to help us. To date the leaders of our state convention and the president of our state convention have kept us out of the controversy as much as possible. They should be commended for this restraint. To do otherwise is to bring this cup of poison into our own house. It is a most crucial time for the pastors and churches of our own wonderful state convention to be careful to "be swift to hear and slow to speak," lest this fire come and destroy our own house.

Alvis K. Cooper, pastor
West Corinth Church
Corinth

Bro. Cooper's letter was mailed before the convention but received the week of the convention and too late to be used ahead of the convention.
—Editor

Center Grove pastor

Editor:

Center Grove Baptist Church, located in Lauderdale County, Miss., will be observing its 100th anniversary Aug. 18 through Aug. 25. We are interested in obtaining photographs and other information about these former pastors: Dallas Stone, John Ellis, Henry Pickard, Dave Covington, Ben Gay, George Hill, and John Cooper.

If you have information or photographs of any of these former pastors, please contact me.

G. Gerald Roberson
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Meridian, Miss. 39301

Prayers for peace

Editor:

In behalf of the 22 members of the Peace Committee recently elected by The Southern Baptist Convention, I request your prayers throughout the coming year as we seek to fulfill our assignment. If we seek to please God

with our spirit and approach we can be assured of our usefulness.

The first meeting of our committee will probably be scheduled sometime in early August, certainly before the Executive Committee meeting in mid-September.

It is especially important that all of us who are in leadership roles in Southern Baptist life honor the convention's action upon approving the formation of the Peace Committee urging . . .

"all Southern Baptists to exercise restraint and refrain from divisive action and comments."

I respectfully request that you encourage those who look to you for leadership to do the same. It is important to our committee that we be able to work without the distraction and hindrances of highly profiled and greatly publicized conflicts with our denominational family.

May God help us to be, and to continue to be a fellowship with whom he can be pleased.

Charles G. Fuller, chairman
SBC Peace Committee

No sermon script

Traditionally, the Baptist Record has carried the messages delivered to the Southern Baptist Convention by the president of the convention and by the one preaching the annual sermon. As has been noted, we printed the annual sermon delivered by Charles Fuller, pastor of First Church, Roanoke, Va. Charles Stanley, however, did not prepare a manuscript for his message this year.

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July 31, 1985
Baptist Book Store
Jackson
August 1, 1985
Memphis Mail Order Center

This summer you are cordially invited to
Southeastern Premieres of Word's Newest Film Series
IF YOU LOVE ME
featuring
Billie Hanks, Jr.

Consult the host church in your area for dates and times.

Film Titles:

1. If You Love Me, ●
- Keep My Commandments
2. Time Alone With God
3. The Secret of Godliness
4. Adventure in Prayer — I
5. Adventure in Prayer — II

These churches are premiering the film series this summer:

First Baptist Church Tyler, Texas Dr. William Shamburger	West Albemarle Baptist Church Albemarle, North Carolina Dr. Jerry McKinney	Dauphin Way Baptist Church Mobile, Alabama Dr. Darrell Robinson	First Baptist Church Borhelo, California Dr. Sam Friend	First Baptist Church Amarillo, Texas Dr. Winfred Moore	First Baptist Church San Antonio, Texas Dr. David Walker	Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church Asheville, North Carolina Dr. Billy Cline
First Baptist Church Midland, Texas Dr. Daniel Vestal	Briarcrest Baptist Church Memphis, Tennessee Dr. Wayne Allen	First Baptist Church Atlanta, Georgia Dr. Charles Stanley	First Baptist Church Bossier City, Louisiana Dr. Fred Lowery	Prestonwood Baptist Church Dallas, Texas Dr. Billy Weber	First Baptist Church San Angelo, Texas Dr. Gerald Mc Bride	Saddleback Community Church Laguna, California Rev. Rick Warren
Elmcrest Baptist Church Ahlene, Texas Rev. T. C. Melton	First Baptist Church Yazoo City, Mississippi Dr. Jim Yates	First Baptist Church Odessa, Texas Dr. Bailey Stone	First Baptist Church Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Dr. Gene Garrison	First Baptist Church Houston, Texas Dr. John Binagno	Southcliff Baptist Church Fort Worth, Texas Dr. Hal Brooks	First Baptist Church Vacaville, California Rev. Ralph Silva

Home Missions Week of Prayer Offering Reaches Total of \$1,441,824.91

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering are listed January 1 through June 30, 1985 with 1,398 churches participating.

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Mississippians serve NOBTS alumni

Two Mississippi Baptists were recently selected as officers of the national alumni association of New Orleans Seminary. Grady C. Cothen, right, of Pass Christian, and president emeritus of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected president. Joe McKeever, left, pastor of First Church, Columbus, was selected as president-elect. Other newly-elected officers are Barbara Long, center, of Little Rock, Ark., secretary; and Wayne Stockstill, not pictured, of Upland, Calif., treasurer. The officers were elected at the association's annual meeting in Dallas during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Just for the Record



First Church, Yazoo City, held a recognition banquet May 24 for its Girls in Action on the theme, "What a Wonderful World!" The banquet honored girls and their families, and also honored James and Guinevere Young, missionaries to Bangladesh. The Youngs with their children, Tim and Jamie, have lived while on furlough in the church's missionary residence at 1625 Easy Street. The Youngs, top photo, spoke and entertained at the banquet.

Girls who received Missions Adventures badges, following the entertainment, are front row, left to right, Emily Pierce, Faithe Freeze, Chrissy Medley, Julie McKiernon, Margaret Medley, Lindsey Book, Leah Langley. Second row, left to right: Macy Chester, Toni Hutchinson, Jamie Young. Top: Elizabeth Book. GA director is Mrs. Tommy McKiernon. GA leaders are Mrs. Darryl Stewart and Mrs. James Book. The pastor is James F. Yates.



New lesson writers begin

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tana. In 1984, he was chairman of the attendance committee for the Foreign Mission Board appointment service on the Gulf Coast.

Anthony Kay, a native of Rome, Ga., was graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and New Orleans Seminary. He completed the doctor of ministries degree program in 1973.

Kay moved to First Church, Calhoun City, in 1978 from the pastorate of First Church, Crestview, Fla. His other pastorates, including First Church, Coldwater, were in Mississippi.

Kay has served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and its Executive Committee, and as a trustee of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He was on the Missions Board of the Florida Baptist Convention and has been a member of the Missions Committee of Calhoun County Association.

Corinth (Jasper): Vacation Bible school; June 17-21; 118 enrolled; average attendance of 98; Edd Holloman, pastor.

Twenty-six women from Jerusalem Baptist (Attala) participated in "Baptist Women's Day," Sunday, June 30. The women taught all Sunday School classes and were in charge of the morning worship service. In addition to testimonies and special music, a short talk was given on "A Woman's Influence In The Home." Girls in the church served as ushers and Mrs. Roblyn Pettit, a member of Pinelake, Brandon, and a former member of Jerusalem, shared slides of an Argentina mission trip in which she participated. Sammy Ray is pastor.

Homecomings

Tinsley, Tinsley: 40th anniversary, homecoming; July 14; C. E. Davis, former pastor, guest speaker; morning service, 10:30; dinner on ground at 12; afternoon service, 2 p.m.; all offerings will go to building fund; Richard King, pastor.

Hebron (Panola): Centennial Celebration, homecoming; Saturday, July 20, 6 p.m., ice cream fellowship; Sunday, July 21, regular morning services with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. with dinner-on-the-ground to follow; homecoming activities beginning at 1 p.m. with former pastors to speak.

Paynes, (Tallahatchie County): homecoming, July 14; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. and worship services, 11 a.m.; lunch will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the service; special singing in the afternoon; Pepper Dill, pastor; Todd Hill, minister of music.

Beulah, Decatur: homecoming, July 14; Sunday School, 10 a.m. followed by morning worship, Lamar Hagan, message; lunch served at noon, followed with afternoon message, 2 p.m. Edward Knox, pastor, preaching; evening services, 6 p.m., Hulon Chaney, preaching.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel, Walnut Grove: July 14-19; regular services Sunday; Mon-Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Glenn Davis, pastor, Calvary, Newton, evangelist; Iris LaCren, Corinth, Leake County, music; Davie S. Guess, pastor.

Pleasant Hill, (Simpson): July 14-19; homecoming on Sunday; lunch will be served after the morning services in the fellowship hall; A. C. Cooper, evangelist; Gene Rester, music; Charles Rogers, pastor; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; nightly services, 7 p.m.

Harmony, Crystal Springs: July 7-12; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Sunday dinner to be shared at the church; Mon-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; John Merck, Easley, N.C., evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; Mike Pennock, pastor.

Hebron (Panola): July 14-19; Sunday services 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; 7:30 each evening during the week; Joe H. Barber III, evangelist; William C. (Cecil) Foster, music evangelist; Steve Jordan, pastor.

White Bluff Church, Route 1, Foxworth (Marion); revival in progress through Friday; evening services at 7:30; B. Alfred Jones, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, music director; Marvin Graham, pastor.

Bentonla, Bentonla: July 11-14; regular Sunday services; 7:30 each night; Larry Duncan, evangelist; Phil Dixon, music; J. Courtney Selvy, pastor.

Corinth (Tallahatchie): July 14-19; Gerald Shook, pastor, Anchor (Lafayette), evangelist; Benny Champion, director of music, Corinth, music; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week night services, 7:30; Matthew L. Greer, pastor.

West Ellisville, Ellisville: July 14-19; Manley Beasley, Dallas/Ft. Worth, evangelist; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon-Fri., fellowship lunch and noonday service at 12; evening services at 7 p.m.; Dwight L. Smith, pastor.

New Hope, Highway 45 South, Meridian: July 14-19; Rex Yancey, pastor, First, Quitman, evangelist; Wayne Baggett, minister of music, First, Quitman, music evangelist; weekday services, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mike Everett, pastor.

Pleasant Grove, Brookhaven, (Lincoln Association): July 14-19; John Merk, S.C., evangelist; Tom Moak, Jr., music director; James E. Sanders, pastor.

Lakeview Church, Leland; Aug. 11 to 14; Grady Wilson, Montreat, N. C., vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, evangelist; Bobby Shurden, Drew, music evangelist, music director; Paul Blanchard, pastor.

Rocky Creek (George): July 14-19; W. A. Smith, Albany, Ga., evangelist; Bernie Parker, Columbia, music evangelist; Sunday, July 14, homecoming, and high attendance day with a goal of 425; Roy T. Myers, pastor; Ben W. Blackwell, minister of music and youth.

Line Creek (Scott): July 21-26; 7:30 p.m.; J. W. Brister, Hinds-Madison director of missions, evangelist; Terry Marler, minister of music at Line Creek, song director; James Chandler, pastor.

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DESIGNATED GIFTS:		
Mother's Day	16.0%	
Holiday Fund	14.0%	
Dress a Child at Easter	7.0%	
Back to School & Memorials	11.0%	
General Gifts	20.0%	68.0%
INVESTMENT INCOME		5.0%
PARENTAL SUPPORT		7.0%
OTHER		2.0%

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A portion of the Village View is allocated each month to a listing of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Jeremiah's call and early prophecies

By J. Gerald Harris
Jeremiah 1:1-6:30

Jeremiah stands out as a mountain peak in the Holy Scripture. He has been called the outstanding personality of his age. Jeremiah had a tender heart and his prophecies are touched with that human emotion that one can see in a very sensitive person.

I. Jeremiah's call (1:4-10) — Jeremiah came to realize that before he was born God had chosen him to be a prophet to the nations. There are four active verbs which fittingly describe God's part in the process — "formed," "knew," "sanctified," and "ordained" (v. 5). All of this was evident even before Jeremiah's birth. This is one biblical passage that nails the lid on the coffin of the abortionists who avow that life does not begin until birth.

God spoke to Jeremiah as a young man and said, "Before you were even born I ordained you to be a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah remonstrated, "Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a child." The word "child" here refers not so much to his youthfulness as to his lack of experience.

When Isaiah was called of God he said, "I will." When Moses was called of God, at first he said, "I won't." But here Jeremiah says, "I can't." I think Jeremiah wanted to do whatever God proposed for him to do, but he felt completely inadequate for the task. In a sense that was good because no one should enter into a Christian ministry casually. Paul asked the Corinthians in his second epistle to them, "And who is sufficient for these things?" But then he said, "Now thanks be unto God which always causes us to triumph in Christ." So Jeremiah, feeling inadequate for the task, said, "I can't." But we notice that for a great task God promises Jeremiah a great power (1:7). Can't is not in God's vocabulary. He is the "can do" God.

God says to Jeremiah, "Whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak." Teachers and preachers are not called of God to disseminate their own theories and ideas. We are not dealing in hypotheses and speculations.

The Lord says to Jeremiah, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth" (1:9). Surely this speaks of verbal inspiration. It is very important to realize that the words of Scripture are inspired by God. God said to Jeremiah, "I am going to put my words in your mouth." Jeremiah felt inadequate and unfit, but God encouraged him (v. 8), and God empowered him (v. 9) to be his prophet.

II. Judah's crisis (1:14-16) — Jeremiah sees a vision of a boiling pot (1:13). This vision introduces the political implication of divine judgment. This seething, scorching judgment illustrated by the boiling pot will be poured out upon the people because of their desertion and idolatry (1:16).

The foe from the north was not to be the Assyrians, though they were the great world power at the time of this vision. Neither was it to be the Scythians as some have suggested.

The primary instrument of God's judgment would be the Babylonians as is indicated in Jeremiah 25:9 and Jeremiah 30:9. Babylon was located geographically due east of Judah, but since Judah was bounded on the east by desert and the west by water, her invading armies would necessarily have to come upon Jerusalem from the north.

Not only did this impending judgment from the north precipitate a crisis for Judah, but it filled Jeremiah with great tension, because this was the message of judgment which God had given Jeremiah for his people (v. 17).

III. Jehovah's cure (6:16-17) — God did not want to have to teach his people through chastisement and judgment. He urged them to return to the "old paths" and "the good way." He wanted the covenant relationship with his people restored. Therein was the

solution to all the desertion and idolatry.

Man is continually running after something new and thus away from God, for he is of old from everlasting. But if Judah would take the time-honored road of faith and surrender to God it would find rest.

John P. Jewell, Jr. in his book *THE LONG WAY HOME*, tells of his pursuit after new paths and new ideologies and of his return to the "old paths" that led to the recovery of a joyful, living faith. Surely for us the old time religion of salvation by grace through faith in Christ is also the new time religion and the all time religion.

Unfortunately, the people of Jeremiah's day refused to walk the plain paths pointed out by the prophet of God. They insisted upon rushing after their own selfish desires, leading to judgment.

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True repentance

By Anthony S. Kay
Hosea 4:1-2; 5:15-6:6

This lesson stresses the importance of genuine repentance. The prophet stands in the tradition of those messengers of God who proclaim his truth.

Hosea 4:1-2 discloses the controversy — the declaration of charges against Israel; v. 5:15a pictures a communion of broken relationships and vs. 5:15b-6:6 reveal commitment — the call to repentance as a healing resource.

In the controversy, Hosea indicates three specific charges against the people. They are characterized by their lack of faithfulness, kindness, and knowledge. As a people of God, they were called to a relationship of fidelity — much as that expected in the faithfulness of God. The lack of kindness (*hesed*) relates to covenant faithfulness. The word *hesed* is used within the context of covenant love. It can be viewed as steadfast love. Thus, there is an absence of the faithful love and dependability on the part of Israel toward God.

Their knowledge of God was shallow. There is the sense of knowledge about someone and the experiential knowledge of someone. I know about President Ronald Reagan. However, I do not know him in the unique, personal way that his family, friends or even associates know him. There is a difference in knowing intimately a person and having knowledge.

Faithfulness and kindness are both related to one's knowledge of God. The cause of Israel's departure from the way of God was due to her lack of knowledge of God. These same characteristics are prominent in our

modern context of living. These factors are indicative of the moral decay that is prevalent in our world. The hope for us all is renewal through moral and spiritual regeneration.

Hosea reveals that God has absented himself from the people. It is possible for God to remove himself from us and not hear our cry. God has absented himself — not abandoned us. Because of their moral decay, as well as ours, God allowed them to experience the deprivation of his absence.

But, true repentance establishes renewed fellowship. As Christians know, "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free." Israel could also know that God's purpose is ultimately to fellowship with his people. In this passage (6:1-6), God asserts his authority and his power. He alone can save, he alone can heal. The people are torn, and stricken, but God will heal and bind up those who truly repent.

This is no easy, casual repentance. The repentance that restores relationship is costly. God gave himself in order that we might be rightly related to him. Israel continued to give less than steadfast love and God warns that he wants faithful love and not sacrifice and for them to know a knowledge of God, not burnt offerings. God wants Israel, you and me to do as William Cowper says:

*The dearest idol I have known,
What'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne
And worship only Thee.*

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Life after death?

By David W. Spencer
Job 14:1-3, 10-17

I. Cultural context

In our study of Job we must remember that there was no New Testament revelation of eternal life or heaven. In early days the Hebrews believed that after death the only thing remaining was Sheol, the dark, shadowy underworld where "shadows" existed. Sheol was not a place of either punishments or rewards. Everybody went to Sheol, for it was believed that God gave punishments and rewards in this life. We might compare Sheol to a semi-conscious or even a comatose existence.

For Job this ancient theology proved troublesome. He maintained his innocence in the face of his friends' accusations. Their comments were, "Job, you know we either get punished or rewarded during our lifetimes here on earth. After all, this is all there is except for Sheol!"

The unfairness and injustice of the whole situation caused Job to do some serious thinking about life after death. Without life after death a man like Job would have no chance to see his character, integrity, and devotion to God vindicated. Could it be, then, that there is more than Sheol? Job was plowing some new "theological ground."

II. Key words

There are some interesting Hebrew words in our passage which shed light on our attempts at interpretation. "Born of woman" in verse 1 refers to the frail origin of man. Verse 10 offers a further lesson in the weakness of man. In the verse two different Hebrew words for man are used. In the first half of the verse the word *geber* is used. This noun came from a verb root which means "to be strong." The Old Testament often uses it to refer to "mighty men of valor." The significance is that even the strongest of men must die. The other word is the more common one *adam* ("he" in the NIV).

III. Interpretation

The brevity and injustice of this life caused Job to consider the remote

possibility of life after death. Verses 1-3 offer a pathetic portrait of man's life on earth. For Job life was brief and bitter. Since life was so fleeting and miserable, Job was amazed that God wouldn't let him alone. It just didn't make sense!

Verses 10-12 amplify the transitory nature of a man's life. It is gone all too quickly, never to be heard from again. Look carefully, though, at the first part of verse 12 at the phrase "does not rise." Had Job briefly entertained the thought of a resurrection?

In verses 13-17 Job let his imagination run wild! he imagines how nice it would be to get a round-trip ticket to the grave so that he could return to life at a later time when God could give full attention to his case. In verse 14 Job unleashes his wildest thoughts yet: "If a man dies, will he live again?" That was unthinkable in Job's day. In the final three verses (15-17) Job dreams of how wonderful it would be if God should desire the fellowship of Job enough to bury his sins and call for Job to come back to life! Yet as the chapter closes, Job admits that he is only dreaming, for there is no hope for life after death!

IV. Eternal truth

The then illogical idea of life after death was rejected here by Job's mind even though his heart loved the idea. No doubt Job realized the utter impossibility of any sinner even being offered the possibility of eternal life with God. No man, not even one as righteous as Job, had a claim on God!

Today in the light of the atoning work of Jesus Christ we can rejoice in the hope of eternal life with God! Though Job couldn't see how it would be done, Jesus took our sins upon his cross and covered them by his blood. If a man dies, he can live again in Christ!

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Wichita Falls church hosts patriotic special for ACTS

FORT WORTH, Tex.—A 90-minute patriotic television special, presented by First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, was televised nationwide on the ACTS network the Fourth of July.

The program, billed as "praise to God for his goodness to our nation," was videotaped outdoors on the steps of the church sanctuary June 30. The "Summer Night Celebration" included both patriotic and Christian music by a 100-voice choir and 40-piece orchestra, all led by minister of music Buster Pray, a native of Jackson, Miss., and son of Dot Pray, organist at Colonial Heights Church. A message by Morris Chapman, pastor of the church, concluded the program.

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